



*The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Of the Good Shepherd  
501 Fairfield Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601*

*July 5, 2015*

*Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd*  
**A congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*"We are a caring family of God nourished by the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit to share the love of Jesus Christ."*

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Music Director

Nancy Flinner

Organist

Jean Brunot

We welcome all visitors with us and ask that you sign our guest register. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider the Good Shepherd family.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children may come forward for a blessing. During communion, we offer wine and grape juice, if you would like to receive grape juice do not bring a cup, it will be provided by the Worship Assistant.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips gifted lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian Care to individuals in our congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and extends the care that Pastor Frank continues to provide.

If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister, please speak to Pastor Frank. Or you may refer to the Stephen Ministry flyers and cards available in the pew racks.

Please take a moment to fill out a yellow RCR card located in the pews. Please place completed cards in the offering plate.

When you see the following symbol "+", please stand.

Service of the Word and Sacrament  
July 5, 2015  
“Time after Pentecost”  
10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE*                      *“THE GIFT OF LOVE”*                      *ARR. H. HOPSON*

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain. Field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

**Amen.**

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

God and Father of all,

**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action is needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**

**Amen**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation; your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **Amen.**

+ **GATHERING HYMN**

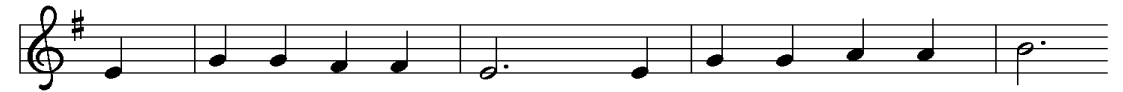
*“GATHER US IN”*                      **ELW 532**

+ **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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+ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

## Glory Be to God in Heaven



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1–5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 123

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift <sup>1</sup> up my eyes,  
to you enthroned <sup>1</sup> in the heavens.  
<sup>2</sup>As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand <sup>1</sup> of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God,  
until you show <sup>1</sup> us your mercy. **R**  
<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O <sup>1</sup> LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough <sup>1</sup> of contempt,  
<sup>4</sup>too much of the scorn of the in- <sup>1</sup> dolent rich,  
and of the derision <sup>1</sup> of the proud. **R**

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2–10

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



**GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13**

The holy gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY**

***"OUR FATHER, WE HAVE WANDERED"***

**ELW 606**

**APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we pray for the church throughout the world, that you guide it in all its endeavors and inspire it to proclaim the gospel with boldness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for earth and sky, seas and deserts, plant and animal habitats, that your good creation thrive and flourish. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for leaders eager to show mercy, that your justice spreads to all nations and that all may celebrate freedom from oppression. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who live with chronic pain or disease that leaves no outward sign, for those who grieve, and for all those who are sick or hospitalized (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly, for those who are visiting, those who are travelling, and those who cannot be with us today, that all experience Christ's presence and peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember with gratitude the saints who endured persecutions for the sake of Christ. Uphold us also with your all-sufficient grace until we join them at the heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*“WE PLACE YPON YOUR TABLE, LORD” ARR. R. POWELL*

### OFFERTORY

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

*Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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### + OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of mercy and grace,  
C **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

## + GREAT THANKSGIVING

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

A Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### Christ Has Died



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
 his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
 and the promise of his coming again,  
 we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
 not as we ought but as we are able;  
 we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
 and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
 so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
 may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
 may be formed to live as your holy people  
 and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

### Amen



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### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.**

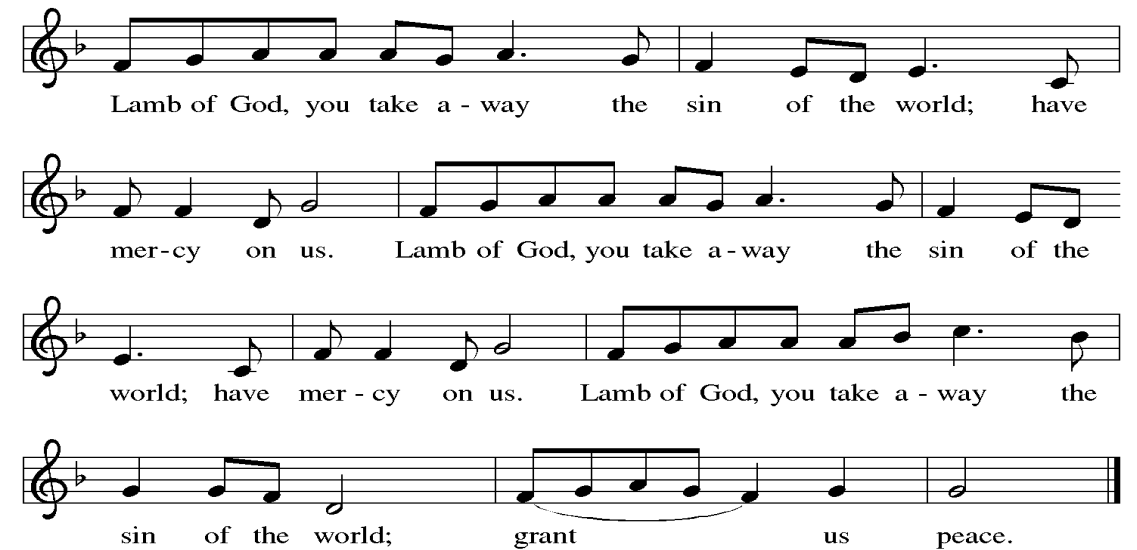
**For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

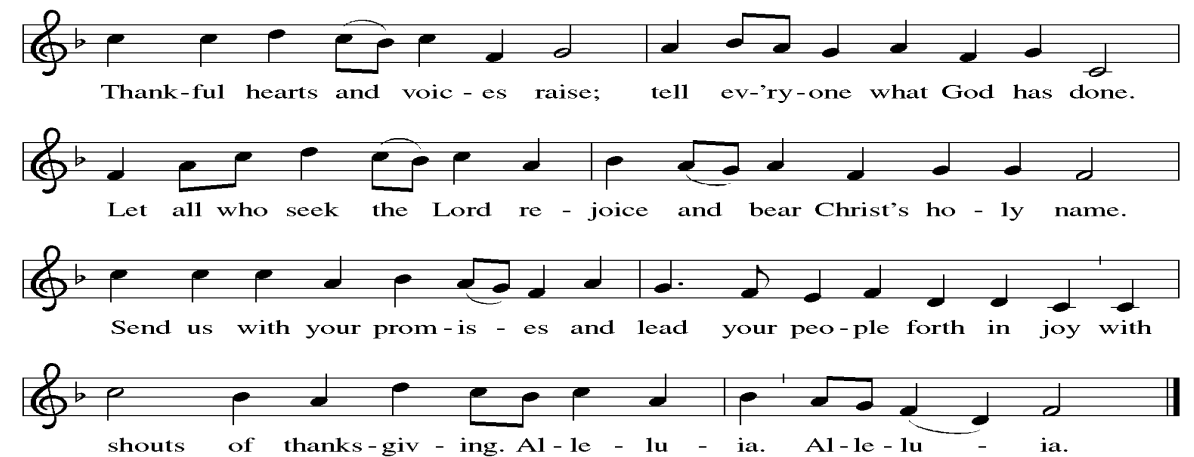
*During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing **Lamb of God***



*Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 888, 891, 893.*

### + POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

#### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



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**+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Wise and generous God,  
We thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life.  
Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**+ BENEDICTION**

Almighty and merciful God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      ***“MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY”***      **ELW 890**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE***

***“GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND”***      ***W. HELD***

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the honor and glory of God by Theresa Ellis in memory of Joe Chedrick.

**A LIVING GIFT** has been designated by Mark & Lynda Gesalman to Tri-City Meals on Wheels in loving memory of Robert E. Gesalman and in honor of Ruth Gesalman and their wedding anniversary date of July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF July 5 - 12, 2015**

Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
		Nicolai – Social Room
Tuesday	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	3:00 pm.	Ellis
	5:00 pm. – 9:00 pm.	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Fundraiser
Wednesday	6:00 pm.	Youth Hand Chimes
	6:45 pm.	Troop 416
Thursday	7:00 pm.	Caravan 8
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	10:30 am.	Holy Communion

**SERVING TODAY:**

10:30

Worship Assistant      Open  
Lector      Joy Stynchula  
Acolyte      Zach Petrozza  
Crucifer      Abigail Fox  
Greeters      Don & Carole Bridges  
Ushers      Don Bridges & Ken Hill  
Altar Guild      April Scherer  
Counters      Sue Strasser & Barb Henderson



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be considerate to those around you and observe silence during the prelude and service. This time is designed for personal meditation.

**Just a word of CAUTION:** If you are the last one to leave the church after an activity or event, please make sure you turn out the lights and lock the door behind you. Thanks.

Just a reminder that the Newsletter Deadline is Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all who donated items for use at Vacation Bible School. If you let us borrow an item, those items can be picked up in the church library.

There was a PURPLE sweatshirt left by the rock climbing slide at Family Fun Night. If you are missing your sweatshirt, please contact Jenny.

Today we welcome through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism; Iver Wyn Tarris, son of Scott Alan & Brenda Frances (Alberth) Tarris.

WELCA is sponsoring a theatre trip for men and

women.....

Sunday, July 19, 2015

For a matinee performance of.....



INTO THE WOODS

At St. Vincent Summer Theatre. Meeting for dinner at Giannillis after the show. Call Lorraine (724)757-8513 for reservations and carpooling.

### Important Dates

July 10	Youth Group Pirate Game
July 15 – 19	Youth Gathering
July 20	Newsletter Deadline

## GRACEFM 100.3

Listener Appreciation Days at St. Clair Park from 5:00 pm. – 7:00 pm.

July 11 & August 8

There will be live music, testimonies, stuff for kids and the gospel, as well as free stuff to spread the word on the station. We hope to see you there!

## PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS DAY



Tuesday, July 7, 2015

5:00 pm. – 9:00 pm.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



Sponsored by Family & Friends of Joe Chedrick  
Proceeds Benefit Joe Chedrick Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund

This is an Open House open to all.

Dear Pastor and Members of Good Shepherd Church,

I'd like to give a big thank you to all of our church family for your prayers, visits, food and lovely cards (with good wishes for my recovery) that I received during my recent hospital stay and surgery recovery.

It's nice to know how much you care.

Sincerely,  
Isabelle Bruggeman